MINUTES OF THE DISABILITY SUBCOMMITTEE

OF THE

EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

September 5, 2014

A meeting of the Disability Subcommittee of the Rhode Island Retirement Board (hereinafter "Committee") was held on September 5, 2014 in the Board Room of the Employees' Retirement System, 50 Service Avenue, Warwick, Rhode Island.

The following Committee members were present: William Finelli; Michael Boyce; Daniel Beardsley; Peter Dennehy and Melissa Malone.

Also in attendance were: Michael Robinson, General Counsel; Dr. Christopher Ley, Medical Advisor; Gayle Mambro-Martin and Frank Karpinski, Employees' Retirement System.

CALL TO ORDER

Recognizing a quorum, Chairperson William Finelli called the meeting to order at 9:08 A.M.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND AGENDA

A draft of the August 15, 2014 meeting minutes were mailed to the Committee members for review, and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Beardsley and seconded by Mr. Boyce, it was:

VOTED To approve the meeting minutes of August 15, 2014.

HEARINGS - DISABILITY

Robert Lincourt Firefighter, North Providence Fire Department. (Estimated service credits 6 years, 1 month)

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Beardsley and seconded by Mr. Dennehy:

VOTED: To reaffirm the decision of February 12, 2014 **denying** Mr. Lincourt's application for an accidental

disability pension. Melissa voted yes. Mr. Boyce

and Mr. Finelli voted Nay.

Patricia Zarembka Teacher, Bristol Warren School Department.

(Estimated service credits 23 years)

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Boyce and seconded by Mr. Beardsley:

VOTED: To overturn the decision of January 8, 2014

Denying Ms. Zarembka's application for an ordinary disability pension. Mr. Finelli voted yes.

Ms. Malone and Mr. Dennehy voted Nay.

David Palumbo Janitor, Eleanor Slater Hospital. (estimated service

credits 19 years, 7 months)

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Boyce and seconded by Mr. Dennehy:

VOTED: To overturn the decision of September 9, 2009

Denying Mr. Palumbo's application for an

accidental disability pension. Mr. Finelli voted yes.

Ms. Malone and Mr. Beardsley voted Nay.

John Paliotta Firefighter, North Kingstown. (Estimated service

credits 12 years, 3 months, 26 days)

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, upon a motion duly made by Mr. Beardsley and seconded by Ms. Malone:

VOTED: To Move to reject Mr. Paliotta's accidental

Application.

Mary Maclaughlin Animal Control Officer, Town of North Kingstown.

(Estimated service credits 9 years, 10 months, 18

days)

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Ms. Malone and seconded by Mr. Dennehy:

VOTED: To recommend that the Retirement Board

Postpone a decision on Ms. Maclaughlin's application for an accidental disability pension.

Frederick Lataille Utility Worker, Cranston School Department.

(Estimated service credits 24 years, 4 months, 15

days)

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Beardsley and seconded by Mr. Dennehy:

VOTED: To recommend that the Retirement Board

Postpone a decision on Mr. Lataille's application

for an accidental disability pension.

ACCIDENTAL MATTERS PREVIOUSLY POSTPONED

Curtis Pollard Deputy Sheriff, Rhode Island Department of

Sheriffs. (Estimated service credits 12 years, 3

months)

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Boyce and seconded by Mr. Beardsley:

VOTED: To recommend that the Retirement Board **Approve**

Mr. Pollard's application for an accidental disability retirement. Mr. Finelli voted yes. Ms. Malone and

Mr. Dennehy voted Nay.

Benita Fernandez Social Caseworker II, Department of Children

Youth and Families. (Estimated service credits 4

years, 5 months)

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Beardsley and seconded by Ms. Malone:

VOTED: To reaffirm the decision of September 12, 2012

denying Ms. Fernandez's application for an

accidental disability pension.

David Lashus Firefighter, Town of Johnston. (Estimated service

credits 12 years, 11 months, 25 days)

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Beardsley and seconded by Mr. Dennehy:

VOTED: To reaffirm the decision of January 8, 2014

denying Mr. Lashus' application for an accidental

disability pension.

Anna Canto Juvenile Program Worker, Rhode Island Training

School. (Estimated service credits 6 years,10

months)

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Beardsley and seconded by Mr. Boyce:

VOTED: To recommend that the Retirement Board **Approve**

Ms. Canto's application for an accidental disability retirement pursuant to Rhode Island General Law § 36-10-15 (b) for 50 % of her compensation at the

time of her retirement.

ORDINARY 1 YEAR REVIEW

Michelle Cavanagh Human Resources Analyst II, Department of

Administration, (Estimated service credits 16 years,

4 months, 16 days)

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Beardsley and seconded by Mr. Boyce:

VOTED: To Accept the Review.

ACCIDENTAL DISABILITY

Robin Ensign Maintenance Mechanic, Town of Lincoln Housing.

(Estimated service credits 15 years, 10 months)

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Ms. Malone and seconded by Mr. Boyce:

VOTED: To recommend that the Retirement Board **Approve**

Mr. Ensign's application for an accidental disability

retirement.

William Kerwin Correctional Officer, Department of Corrections

(Estimated service credits 5 years, 7 months)

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Beardsley and seconded by Ms. Malone:

VOTED: To recommend that the Retirement Board

Postpone a decision on Mr. Kerwin's application for an accidental disability pension. Mr. Boyce

voted Nay.

Janet Ragno Assistant Principal, Foster Glocester Schools

(Estimated service credits 16 years, 9 months)

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Finelli and seconded by Ms. Malone:

VOTED: To recommend that the Retirement Board **Deny**

Ms. Ragno's application for an accidental disability

pension. Mr. Boyce voted Nay.

ORDINARY DISABILITY

Jane Sylvia Supervisor of Early Childhood Special Education.

(Estimated service credits 14 years, 4 months, 10

days)

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Ms. Malone and seconded by Mr. Dennehy:

VOTED: To recommend that the Retirement Board **Deny**

Ms. Sylvia's application for an ordinary disability pension. Mr. Beardsley voted yes. Mr. Finelli and

Mr. Boyce voted Nay.

Sheila Diprete Senior Word Processing Typist, Eleanor Slater

Hospital. (Estimated service credits 7 years, 2

months)

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Ms. Malone and seconded by Mr. Beardsley:

VOTED: To recommend that the Retirement Board **Deny**

Ms. Diprete's application for an ordinary disability

pension. Mr. Boyce voted Nay.

Pamela Monaghan Senior Behavior Specialist, BHDDH-RICLAS.

(Estimated service credits 13 years, 1 month)

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Ms. Malone and seconded by Mr. Dennehy:

VOTED: To recommend that the Retirement Board **Approve**

Ms. Monaghan's application for an ordinary

disability retirement.

Robert Terra Maintenance Supervisor, Bristol Housing Authority.

(Estimated service credits 9 years, 5 months)

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Dennehy and seconded by Ms. Malone:

VOTED: To recommend that the Retirement Board **Approve**

Mr. Terra's application for an ordinary disability

retirement.

Alicia McCormick Teacher, Johnston Public Schools. (Estimated

service credits 14 years)

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Beardsley and seconded by Ms. Malone:

VOTED: To recommend that the Retirement Board **Approve**

Ms. McCormick's application for an ordinary

disability retirement.

Anne Arvidson Teacher, Exeter West Greenwich. (Estimated

service credits 27 years)

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Ms. Malone and seconded by Mr. Beardsley:

VOTED: To recommend that the Retirement Board Approve

Ms. Arvidson's application for an ordinary disability

retirement.

DISABILITY SUBCOMMITTEE COMMENTS

Ms. Mambro-Martin apprised the Subcommittee members that Mr. Kevin Lang, through his attorney, requested that his application for ordinary disability retirement be withdrawn and that the Board only consider his application for an accidental disability retirement.

Ms. Mambro-Martin also apprised the Subcommittee of the cost for the IME for Mr.

Strakaluse.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Beardsley and seconded by Mr. Boyce it was unanimously:

VOTED To adjourn the meeting at 1:45 p.m..

Respectfully submitted,

Gayle C. Mambro-Martin, Esq.

GCM: gsb

September 26, 2014